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## ST. JOSEPH'S STAINED GLASS RESTORED



### An Ancient Art Revived

In a modest studio in Staten Island, two dedicated artists painstakingly piece together the windows from the former St. Joseph's Church, Newark, created a century ago by a predecessor in their field.

George J. Brennan and Linda R. Ricciardi set up Brenrics Studio, located at 6280 Amboy Road in Staten Island, just three years ago. George had been working with stained glass for 20 years and Linda became interested in it while working for her art degree at Skidmore College. She had spent three years after graduation touring all the cathedrals in Europe, absorbing the various styles and techniques of the European masters.

After meeting George, Linda decided their talents and experience complemented one another and persuaded him to join her in opening a studio together. Linda's art background contributes to the design phase of stained glass creation while George, aided

by his brother Joe, handles the actual cutting and installation of the pieces.

In the case of St. Joseph's each window in the former church is being carefully scanned for any needed repairs. When possible these will be done in place, after which the window will receive a thorough cleaning. Windows extensively damaged are repaired at the studio. Those which are broken receive special attention. Whenever possible the original stained glass is set back in place using the patterns of windows still intact for reference. When the pieces of original glass are not available, new glass, matched closely to the old will be used. Windows too completely destroyed will be refashioned using others as models.

The original windows at St. Joseph's contain areas which have been stencil painted, as well as hand painted sections. The stenciled parts

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## It Is A Moral Issue—Unemployment Isn't Just A Statistic

### It Affects The Lives Of People

This is the message of the Administrative Board of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Unemployment: The Human Costs" which states that in moving beyond the maze of statistics and graphs the problem of unemployment is hurting people and this, as obvious as it is, is often lost. It particularly hurts certain categories in our society, minorities, young urban people, and blue collar workers.

The message points out that besides the economic strain on family life there is the psychological strain that comes from the feeling of the loss of self-worth, anxiety, frustration and bitterness. It has also meant lower productivity in the economy and reduction in public revenues. These problems have been intensified by cut-backs in social services. "Today, as unemployment threatens to become a more or less permanent fact of life in our economy, a substantial portion of our population is in danger of becoming more marginalized and disillusioned."

The statement points out that work calls upon the creative spirit of the person and through work one cooperates with other members of the

community or society and thus people realize their human dignity. It is through work that men and women are able to support their families. The human vocation cannot be achieved without work being a basic right. Today, the jobless find themselves alienated from their fellow citizens, unable to participate in the development of our society. Some find that new technologies have made their jobs virtually meaningless and other workers are engaged in the production of wasteful or destructive products for our consumer society which question the meaning of work.

We of New Community recognize that the problem of continuing unemployment is complex and is global. There are certain principles that must be addressed:

(1) Employment is a right. Chronic unemployment is an evil. The use of unemployment as a means of controlling inflation is wrong. The primary purpose of any economic system is to serve the basic human needs of all people so that all may live a fuller life.

(2) A priority must be given to developing meaningful jobs for those most in need. High technological industries are fine; yet, they do not provide employment opportunities for those most in need of work. Any development plan must take into ac-

count the employment needs of the people.

To suggest, as some of the highest government officials do, that we need retraining programs to move people into high technological positions is unrealistic. For example, to say to an employee of 25 years in a steel mill that he can now find a job in the computer industry is playing a nasty hoax on the worker. Further, people need meaningful work. They do not need government-sponsored-make work programs which depend upon the yearly appropriation of the legislative branch of government.

We, of New Community, cannot change the world economic system, nor can we develop an economic development program for the nation, the state or even the city. But we can try in our own way to recognize social and economic policies which are moral, and seek to build a better society. We can commit ourselves to the creation of socially useful work so that people can truly contribute to the development of a just society.

New Community is committing itself to the development of a minimum of 450 permanent jobs in the next two years. It may not change the employment picture of the nation but it will have a tremendous impact upon the lives of people living in the Central Ward of Newark.

### New Community Efforts Have Created Jobs For 140 Local Residents



Maintenance department worker James McDonald works with Supervisor Bob West as they reset and brace a small tree.

## — Keeping Pace —

### Jobs A Necessity For A Healthy Community

The New Community vision has always encompassed much more than the sound, attractive, affordable housing which we have built. While housing has been and will continue to be a primary concern for NCC, we are all aware that decent shelter is just one of many threads which are required to create and sustain a healthy urban community. The long-term viability of our housing developments is closely linked with the physical, social and economic health of the environment within which our housing exists.

Human beings need more than just food, clothing and shelter. The most successful urban communities are those which have managed to provide for the so-called "secondary needs" by weaving a complex network of systems which deliver everything from education, entertainment and recreation to commerce, fire protection, health care and transportation. And while each successful community has its own distinctive fabric, there is one thing which all successful communities have in common: **JOBS!** A community which cannot create and maintain employment opportunities for its members is doomed to collapse under the weight of its own physical and spiritual poverty.

A person who wants and needs a job but cannot obtain one will have little or no money for food, clothing and shelter, let alone education, entertainment and health care. Such a person will not experience the pride of accomplishment and related feelings of

self-worth. Such a person will slowly and surely lose a sense of belonging to the community and will eventually drown in a pool of dependency, isolation and despair. Human beings cannot live with dignity in a prolonged condition of dependency and hopelessness. Communities cannot function properly when their



Matthew  
A. Reilly

*NC Director of Development continues series on development activities and related concerns.*

members are not able to participate in the full range of its activities.

The problem of unemployment in America today is both a national issue and a national disgrace. There are now approximately 11 million Americans who want a full-time job and cannot find one. The causes of this tragedy are complex and numerous, including the manner in which economic resources are controlled and allocated, a failure to commit capital to long-term investments, racism and much more. NCC is not

geared towards addressing this issue on the national level. We can, however, work hard to help alleviate the problem in our own backyard.

NCC has been trying to make a positive impact on the local employment situation ever since our first housing development opened its doors in the spring of 1975. The NCC Board of Directors realized that the development, management and maintenance of housing creates a variety of job opportunities. NCC made a commitment at that time to maintain control of those employment opportunities so that those jobs could go to local residents. During the last eight years, the NCC staff has grown to 140 persons who work in all areas of housing development, management and maintenance. These jobs have made an important contribution to the economic health of our community.

Now NCC has set its sights on an ambitious program of continued community development which will simultaneously provide needed services and create hundreds of permanent full-time jobs for local residents. Within the next two years, we will renovate St. Joseph's Church for medical office space and build both an extended health care facility for the elderly and a neighborhood shopping center. These three projects will make a dramatic contribution to the continuing physical redevelopment of our community and will create more than **400 permanent jobs**.

The NCC Board of Trustees, the staff and the residents will not rest until our community has everything it needs. One of the greatest needs is **JOBS**.

handling problems involving everything from fiscal stability of cities to conferences on infant alcoholism.

The first of the six sections, the Division of Local Government, is responsible for the fiscal stability of 567 communities in the state. This department must approve all budgets to see that they do not exceed the caps, (a pre-set allowable increase in the total budget each year) and also acts as watchdog, helper and advisor to our local municipalities. If a municipality is on the brink of having financial problems, this division sends in experts in fields such as auditing, bond selling and business administration to work with and in effect run the municipality for a period of at least one year to straighten out the problem and return them to the black.

This service has had a direct relationship to the excellent AAA rating held in the State of New Jersey financially-one of the few in the country.

The largest of the six divisions is the Division on Housing with over 400 employees. Assistant Commissioner Sidney L. Willis is over this particular area. Commissioner Renna is very proud that the Uniform Construction Code for multi dwellings developed by this division has been cited by the Presidential Commission on Housing as being a model for the nation. He pointed out that enforcement of this code assures safe buildings for citizens using them.

It is this Division which inspects all multi-family buildings such as hotels, apartments, and rooming houses

### Employment And Black Youth

The **New York Times** in an article dated April 21, 1983 reported that a two-and-a-half-year federally financed employment program found that Black teen-agers were as eager to work as white teen-agers and tended to stay on the job longer.

The Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation of New York, created by the Ford Foundation and Federal Agencies to direct national pilot projects, was the director of this project.

A key feature in the program was the requirement that the teen-agers remain in school; or if they did drop out, they were required to return. This program significantly reduced the drop-out rates among younger teen-agers.

It was also significant that 6,000 of the jobs were with private companies, many of them small "mom and pop" food stores, whose salaries were paid by the Government. Some worked in child care centers and in institutions for the elderly.

The research indicated lack of employment was not caused by high wage expectations or a preference for crime or lack of motivation but simply by a lack of actual jobs.

However, the **New York Times** quoted Representative Augustus Hawkins of California as saying, "In spite of prestigious studies, the mood in Congress now is more motivated by emotion and an obsession with cutting." Putting an end it would seem to the federally funded employment program.

licensed by the state, at set time periods.

Another section to the Division on Housing handles landlord-tenant relations advising each side of their legal rights if there is a problem. The Division itself takes no side nor does it decide issues, explained the Commissioner. A pamphlet is available from this division explaining these rights.

A fairly new program administered by the Division on Housing is the Boarding Home Life Safety Program funded mostly from casino money, which finances the installation of fire safety devices such as sprinkler systems, fire doors, fire escapes, fire alarms and smoke alarms. In conjunction with this a Rental Assistance Program helps needy seniors pay the increased rent so that the cost of the improvement does not come out of their pockets.

Through the Neighborhood Preservation Program money is provided to rehabilitate certain areas or to improve a neighborhood. Similarly, the Demonstration Grant Program is intended to use funds to get ideas for something new and innovative in the housing field.

The Division of Housing also administers the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program providing rent supplements to those who could not otherwise afford decent housing and, as of last year the Small Cities program came under its care. This program in 1982 dispersed 11.3 million in grants and loans and this year will have 11.9 million available for those cities under 50,000 population which

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## Get To Know Your Public Officials



COMMISSIONER  
JOHN P. RENNA

Department of Community Affairs  
State of New Jersey

Subsequently, Mr. Renna was asked to get involved with Governor Kean's administration and his background in HFA and in private business as a builder and developer made him particularly well suited for the Department of Community Affairs.

The Department of Community Affairs pays close attention to human need. It serves the citizens of New Jersey through six separate divisions,

As a public service we will be interviewing public officials at various levels to familiarize people with the services they offer to New Jersey citizens through their particular jobs and activities.

Commission John P. Renna of the Department of Community Affairs graciously agreed to be our first subject.

Commissioner John P. Renna came to the Department of Community Affairs with a wealth of government, business and political experience.

After graduating from Rutgers University in wartime 1942 with a major in accounting, he entered the service. Upon his discharge, however, he did not want to be confined by office work and turned to building and developing one and two family homes, duplexes and garden apartments, and high rise buildings for the next 18 years. From 1968 to 1970 he served as Purchasing Agent for Essex County until asked to serve as Executive Director of the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency by Governor William Cahill from 1970 to 1974. He left public service to go into private business serving as a consultant from 1974 to 1981 on various housing projects including senior citizen homes and family housing.

During that time Commissioner Renna was always involved politically, serving as the West Orange Republican Chairman for 15 to 16 years as well as Essex County Chairman from 1977 to 1981.

## 20 Years of Priesthood Celebrated by Rev. William J. Linder



Father Linder concelebrates Anniversary Mass with Rev. Kevin Ashe and Rev. Horton Raught.

### **"The People's Priest"**

Hundreds of friends from all over the state gathered at the 12 o'clock Mass on May 22nd at St. Rose of Lima Church, Newark to show their affection and respect for Rev. William J. Linder on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood.

Since his ordination in 1963 he has spent his entire priestly life serving the people of Newark, first at Queen of Angels Church, later at St. Joseph's and presently as pastor of St. Rose of Lima.

Father Linder is not a "stay at home" type priest. He is known equally well at St. Rose or City Hall,



Father Linden jones with some of his original CYO group from Queen of Angels Church, his first parish.

Newark or at the State House in Trenton as he carries the voice of his people in need to those who can help them.

His special talent is recognizing the talents of others and encouraging them to use these talents. Many a young person has been motivated to finish not only high school but college and graduate school urged on by his belief in them.

He strongly believes in the future of Newark, and gathered together the group of Newark residents who ad-

dressed themselves to the need for housing in the city going on to form what is now the largest non-profit housing group in the state....New Community Corporation.

Many who worked along with him and were inspired by this dedicated and innovative priest were there today, quietly looking back and excitedly looking ahead to the next 20 years.

As the Rev. Kevin Ashe said in his homily, the thing that binds us all together is Faith, and hundreds of hearts quietly said "Amen".

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submitted proposals for economic development to create jobs and neighborhood revitalization programs. Mr. Renna seemed pleased that under an option given by President Reagan last year, Governor Kean chose to have the State distribute the money from this federally funded program to any of the 272 cities eligible whose proposals are approved.

The next Section, the Division of Aging, acts as the lead agency through which any programs benefiting seniors are funded.

It is the only legally authorized division to deal with seniors in the state. Through this division money is distributed to 21 county offices on aging for vital programs such as congregate services, "Meals on Wheels", transportation, a senior hotline and a seniors community service employment project. Congregate services provides meals and services such as homemakers, to seniors who could not otherwise manage for themselves, at very nominal cost, thus allowing them to remain in their own homes. This in turn saves thousands of dollars per person which would otherwise be spent for expensive nursing home care through Medicaid or Medicare, stated Mr. Renna.

The Division on Aging also works with the NJ Commission on Aging which has just been appointed by the legislature, providing money to the Commission for the development of

legislative programs which are needed for laws of benefit to seniors.

Reflecting in particular about the seniors community service employment project Commissioner Renna stated emphatically, "We feel that the background and experience of seniors is something we'd like to take advantage of." He felt it would be a shame to lose all that knowledge.

The Department of Community Affairs also includes a Division on Women. Created about ten years ago, it consists of task forces covering such things as child care, sexual harassment and employment problems.

The Division on Women conducts conferences to promote women in business and also to make them aware of their rights. At these seminars the private sector has booths set up to teach women how to write resumes, how to approach a job and how to know what kinds of things they should be looking into because of their backgrounds.

Seminars are also held on such things as teenage pregnancy, infant alcoholism, displaced homemakers and battered wives.

This division also works on legislation for women concerning equal rights.

Under the new Director of the Division on Women, Joan Wright, they are trying to increase their county counterparts from the present 5 to all

21 counties. Commissioner Renna seemed optimistic that this division would begin to spread its wings.

The fifth component, the Division on Community Resources administers the Community Services Block Grant Program whereby money is distributed to 21 CAP agencies to help the disadvantaged and the poor. There are a whole host of areas that can be helped through this division as the agencies write their own programs and the division simply monitors the use of the funds.

The Youth in Community Service Program providing jobs for young people is funded by this division as is a very important Weatherization Program, geared to low income people to allow them to make their houses energy efficient through repairs and caulking etc. Thereby also reducing their energy bills.

A heartwarming part of this division is its coordination of the New Jersey Tournament of Champions for the physically handicapped (those in wheelchairs or on crutches etc.) and the NJ Special Olympics for the mentally retarded.

Completing this division is an office for Hispanic Affairs and an office for the funding of legal services to the poor, which is very limited.

The Division on Administration of course handles the budgets which make all the others possible.

In talking about how the activities of the Department of Community Affairs relate to the work of New Community, Mr. Renna pointed out that his department, through the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency, provides financing for all housing developments that are federally subsidized through Housing and Urban Development. NCC has financed each of its seven developments in this fashion. The department, through the New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency has also provided permanent financing for the Humboldt Street renovations. They are now working with NCC to finance modifications for the proposed Saint Joseph Plaza medical complex.

The new Babyland III Nursery also received financing assistance through NJHFA and the N.J. Economic Development Authority.

Presently they are working with us on our development plans for a food market and commercial center proximate to our 45 acre housing complex.

Commissioner Renna, commenting on his department's association with New Community said in summary: "I think we work very closely with New Community. We simply feel that NCC is probably the show place for us with their projects. We are very pleased with the way they complete their jobs and the way they run them when they're finished."



## "Show of Shows" Presented At St. Rose School

St. Rose of Lima School After School Dance Program presented a "Show of Shows - Africa to Broadway" on Friday evening, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday afternoon May 21st, at 3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Some twenty-five students in grades one to eight, under the direction of Richard Gordon, choreographer, performed spectacular renditions from Broadway

hits, and African impressions.

Mr. Gordon worked with students at St. Rose of Lima in 1975 for an open house welcome tribute. He is director-founder of Dancemix, a cabaret dance company and has served on the faculty of the Harlem School of the Arts. Mr. Gordon has also done choreography for Resorts International Hotel Casino in Atlantic City and Nassau, Bahamas, as

well as for the Flamingo in Las Vegas. He is a member of the Afro-American Ethnic Orientation Society and has performed for the Metropolitan Museum of Art Cultural Extension Project.

Mr. Gordon was assisted by Humberto Roig, a former student at St. Rose, scenic designer, Edith Cunningham, costume designer and William A. White, percussionist. Vocal and musical arrangements were made by Emily Ross and Curtis Watkins respectively both of whom are musical directors for St. Rose's Parish. Through special arrangements made by Judith Wilcox, Principal of Hillside School in Montclair, N.J., musical recordings were

taped by Gary Evans, instructor at Hillside.

Since October, classes in jazz, modern and ethnic dance have been conducted weekly in preparation for this performance. "A Show of Shows" is the fourth dance recital to be given at Rose's. Some of the past productions were "That's Entertainment" in 1978, "Newark's Jazz Age" in 1979 and "War of the World" in 1980. All of these were choreographed by Corine Grondahl.



## Stained Glass

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**Joe Brenner's steady hands cut pattern.**

are painted, then fired in a kiln so the paint will adhere to the glass. When this step is finished, the hand painted areas are completed. This process will be carefully followed by Linda and George as they proceed with the St. Joseph's Plaza repairs. A second facility, complete with kiln, allows them to handle large commercial pieces, although retail sales are handled out of the Staten Island location.

St. Joseph's windows were created using 1 of 3 different pastel colors for the background of each. An exception to this is two small windows near the vestible done by an artist named Meyer from Munich, Germany.

After all the present windows are repaired and back in place, Linda will design a new stained glass window to grace the ceiling over the atrium of the building.

Creating any new piece in stained glass begins with a concept of its function in the place where it will be used. Ideas are then generated by the artists and those responsible for its creation, and a mood or theme develops as the window takes on the personality necessary for its particular use. When subject, colors and styles have been decided, a picture is drawn upon the same kind of pattern paper used for clothing and the drawing submitted for approval. The paper is then cut apart and specific colors and types of glass assigned to each piece of the pattern. Then a single piece of glass is meticulously cut by one of the artists for each numbered piece of the pattern and checked for accuracy. It is then returned to the designer, who carefully fits it onto the pattern, much as you would put together a puzzle.

If lead is the joining medium it is simply wrapped carefully around all edges. The lead strips already contain channels into which the glass fits and the malleable material is pressed tightly to the stained glass. Strips can vary in width creating a heavy or more delicate appearance in the finished product. In the case of St. Joseph's,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " lead was used by the originator of the windows and will also surround the new sections. The piece is then soldered together and receives a brace if necessary for stability. Copper joining requires additional steps and different treatment since it is not preformed. It must be melted and brushed onto edges which must be absolutely smooth, then soldered.

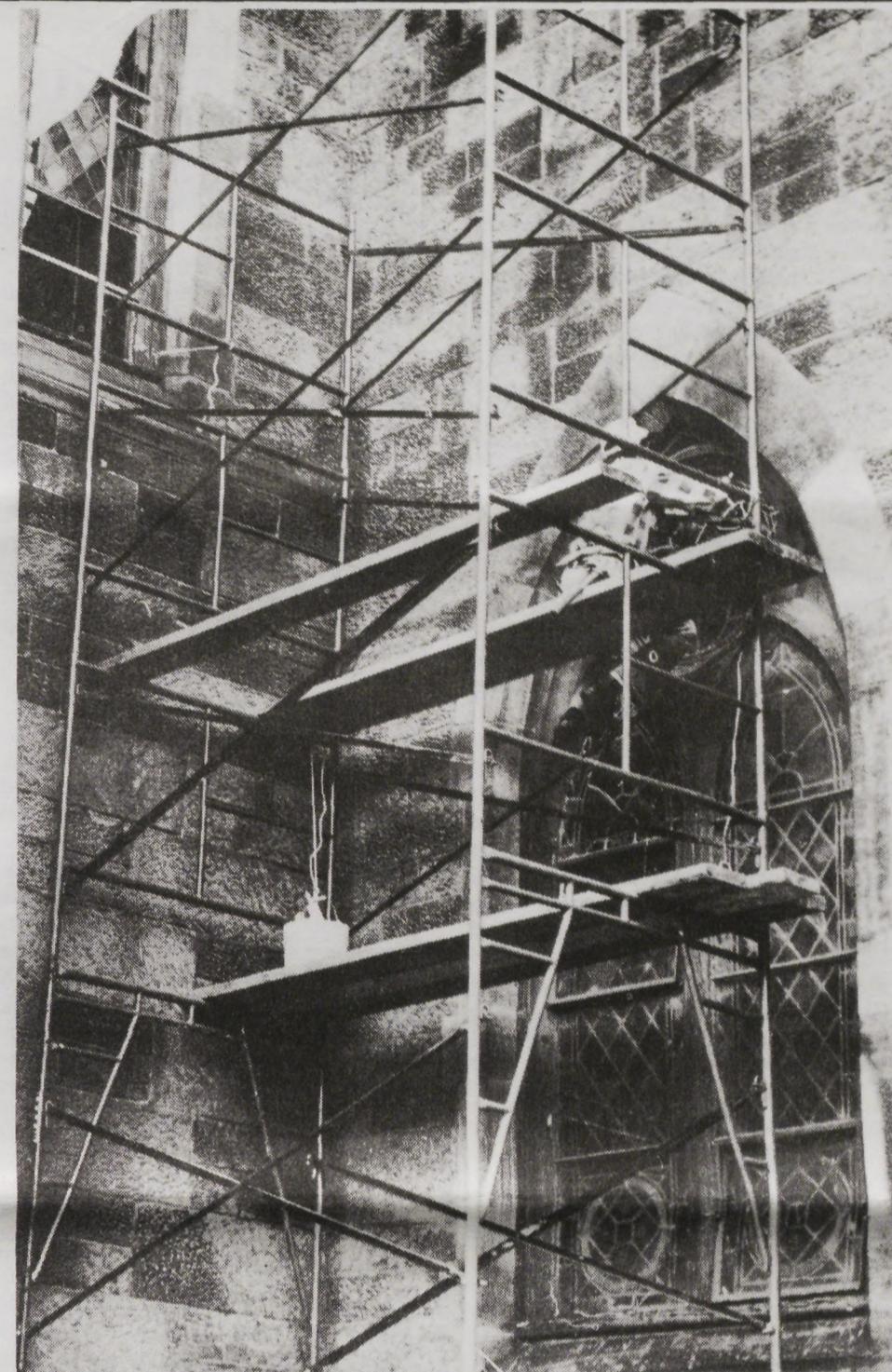
Each step of the creation process demands not only an artistic ap-

preciation of the potential environment into which the piece will eventually be placed, but a thorough knowledge of the choices available in stained glass. Minerals such as gold are used to make the colors while the glass is still liquid. In some cases clear glass is "flashed" or painted with color and then acid applied to create a pattern. The same can be done to clear glass. Manufactured stained glass tends to be all one thickness while the wafer thin nature of some antique glass blown by hand makes it particularly valuable. To create special effects such as tiny bubbles the glass blowers use an age old trick of tossing a potato or a block of wood into the liquid glass.

Expertise comes only through an apprenticeship served with masters in the field until the techniques of the ages are absorbed. Concentration, eye for beauty and steady hands are high on the list of requirements for a craftsperson in this field.

After falling into disuse earlier in this century, the use of stained glass has enjoyed a renaissance since 1968 when antiques also experienced a resurgence. The colorful glass patterns are being used to personalize homes and buildings of the 1980's. Stained glass panels in cabinets and headboards brighten some homes while lamps in many hues grace other areas. Colorful birds and flowers perk up windows everywhere and gladden the hearts of those who enjoy the beauty of this special artistry.

Having seen the team of Linda and George and Joe in action, the stained glass windows of St. Joseph's Plaza cannot help but be radiant once again, when their work is complete.



**Window repairs being done on location**



**Co-owners George Brenner and Linda Ricciardi display windows before and after restoration.**

## THE SAGA OF THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE — Part III

The Oblate Sisters of Providence were the first Black Order of Sisters in the United States as well as being the second oldest community of women religious in this country.

Their mission — educating Blacks — was begun during the time when this nation was strongly antagonistic towards any educational opportunity offered to this minority group.

They are today valued and dedicated workers in New Community's efforts here in Newark.

### Part III

Grace H. Sherwood, in her book "The Oblates One Hundred and One Years", detailed the first century on the Oblate Community's growth and success in the face of incredible difficulties. With the rugged determination of pioneers, each new class of Oblates seemed to capture the spirit of Mother Lange, the vision of Pere Joubert. And Providence did not cease to provide for the Congregation's spiritual nourishment and guidance, raising up a succession of Sulpician, Redemptorist, Jesuit, and Josephite Fathers as Directors and Chaplains. At the time of its Centennial in 1929 the Community had grown to over one hundred and fifty

### MANAGEMENT SEMINAR HELD

This month another two-day management seminar was held at the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency. This meeting consisted of training managers on processing of HUD's new procedures for recertification of applications.

These new standardized forms will enable all managers regardless of their building status (Section 8 or Section 236) to process the same form.

Now all certifications and recertifications can be processed, letting the managers adjust the tenant portion of the rent without changing the HUD form every year. The change in procedure is due to the fact that HUD will be having a percentage increase in rents for the next three years.

The new forms will enable all managers to do a more effective job.

### THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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members. Moreover, its apostolates included elementary schools, high schools, boarding schools, and orphanages.

These last fifty-four years of Oblate history have witnessed the Community's growth at one time to over three hundred members and its erection of a new Motherhouse at Gun Road, Baltimore, Md. Today we find Oblates teaching at the college level, in public schools, and in continuing education. We also run three outstanding Child Development Centers. Oblates have held Diocesan Supervisory positions and have been asked by the United States Government to direct Federal Education Programs.

Presently, our Oblate Community finds itself locked in the same struggle which seems to be the common experience of Religious Communities today: the struggle for personnel and for economic survival. This crucial battle for continued viability finds itself played out against the background of conflicting ideologies in society at large, with the atmosphere of subtle challenges to the stated priorities of the Church and in the arena of the multilithic Black community, with its changing currents of consolidating and polarization. The Oblates struggle for sur-

### Gala Ball Moving Along

At a meeting on May 3rd at Prudential Insurance Company, plans for the 15th Anniversary Ball scheduled for October 21st continued to fall into place.

Chairman Don Mann, Vice-President for Public Affairs for Prudential Insurance Company has announced that Gov. Thomas Kean and former Gov. Richard J. Hughes will share the speaker's spotlight for the evening. Both have been fast friends and supporters of New Community and Babyland from the beginning of their 15 year span. Mr. Robert A. Beck, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Prudential Insurance Company of America will act as Master of Ceremonies for the gala evening.

Matthew Reilly, Director of Development for New Community, and Mr. Mann, announced an update of our Honorary Planning Committee. These include: Philip Campbell, President, New Jersey Bell Telephone; Joseph C. Cornwall, The Fund for New Jersey; Robert V. Van Fossan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company; Steven B. Hoskins, Esq., McCarter and English; Edward D. Knapp, President, First National State Bank; Harold W. Sonn, President, Public Service Electric and Gas Company; and Zachary Yamba, President, Essex County College.

New Community is looking forward to an evening of happy memories with you celebrating the positive and proud accomplishments brought about by 15 years of dedicated labor in the reawakening City of Newark.



Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, second from left, director of Day Care for Babyland Nursery, conducts a workshop for Babyland Caregivers.

vival is none other than the Church's struggle for survival in the Black Community. It appears that the success of the latter may well be measured largely in terms of the continued progress of the former. No one knows the future. The luxury of time is not with us. The struggle is NOW. The hour is late, but it is not yet past. There is still time for hope, and a reason to take heart. If you study the one hundred fifty-four year history of our Community, you learn un-

mistakably that Providence DOES provide when large-souled people pull together their courage and determination; when they focus their vision and dedicate their minds and hearts and bodies to strenuous effort in the spirit of sacrifice.

Final Installment Next Month

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP  
Director of Day Care  
Babyland Nursery, Inc.

### Chinese Auction A Roaring Success

The auditorium at Roselle Catholic echoed with excitement and laughter as the annual Chinese Auction run by the Friends of St. Rose of Lima got under way. After careful scrutiny, tickets were optimistically placed in the basket of one's choice one by one whereupon the conjecture began, ending only when the last prize had been won.

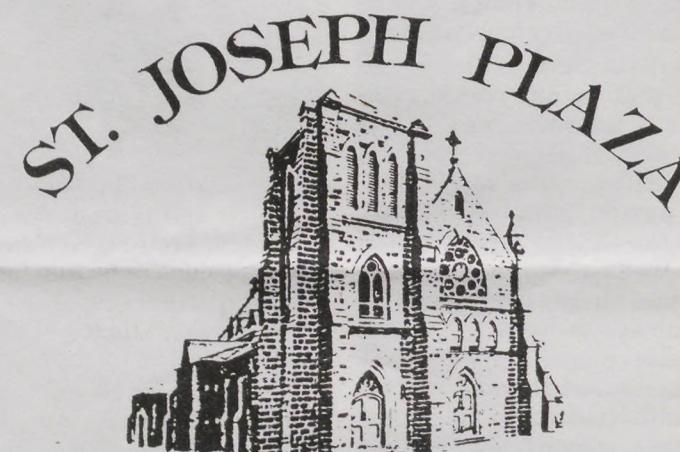
Three particular people went home extremely happy, for they had held the lucky tickets for the Grand Drawing.

First prize-- a Hitachi 50" Projection Television set valued at \$2695

was won by Elsie Jordan of Newark, one of the NC Security guards. Taking home the VHS Hitachi Video Recorder Player was Jeanette Ogunbote of Irvington. And Eva Hanken of New York will be visiting her favorite Pathmark Supermarket frequently, deciding how to spend her \$300 Food Certificate.

The benefit is vital for St. Rose-- especially the school since this event is its major source of funds and the school must plan its budget according to its success.

Many, many thanks to all our generous supporters.



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Triplets are introduced by mother Ms. Elaine Richardson on left, to Soledad Alston, Babyland Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, Director of Day Care for Babyland. They are Akmal, Jamal and Kamal ... or is it Kamal, Jamal & Akmal? or Jamal? or ?

## TRIPLETS

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### Arrive At Babyland

Caregivers at Babyland I happily welcomed the Richardson triplets on April 25, 1983. It was a first for Babyland and posed some unique identification problems because even mother Elaine, had to look closely before being sure, when asked to tell us which was which. Akmal the eldest, and Jamal, second in line are identical while Kamal, the youngest is the fraternal sibling of the trio. They were strong and healthy when born on November 29, 1982, weighing in at 4 lbs. 2½ oz., 4 lbs. 5½ oz. and 5 lbs. 5 oz. respectively, relatively good sizes for a multiple birth.

Ms. Richardson was expecting twins possibly since they run on both sides of her family, but the extra

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bonus of triplets took her quite by surprise.

Her mother and father pitched in to help and now that the threesome has come to Babyland, Elaine has been able to return to her job as a caseworker with the Essex County Welfare Board with a relaxed mind concerning their care.

The triplets join a 12 year old sister Silvonne but Ms. Richardson has wisely refrained from burdening her with the care of Akmal, Jamal and Kamal, feeling as she puts it, that Silvonne needs her childhood too.

It is at times like these that we are thankful for the existence of Babyland. What a wonderful way to celebrate a 15th Anniversary year - with TRIPLETS!

## Toilet Training Tips

At Babyland III one of the developmental processes which we work with cooperatively with parents is that of Toilet Training. As the process of toilet training in and of itself often causes great stress and apprehension on the part of the child as well as the parents, we, at Babyland III, devote a great deal of time and effort trying to make sure that the process goes smoothly and comfortably for all concerned. Following are a few tips which allow for a successful transition from diapers to toilet for both child and parent:

(1) It is important to wait until your child is psychologically, as well as physically trained to begin the process. Your child will give you indications of this readiness by showing interest in using the toilet and showing such signs as removing his/her diaper.

(2) Toilet training is a long, slow

process which demands patience and understanding from parents.

(3) Children should **never** be verbally scolded or beaten for having an accident during training.

(4) Parents should work in cooperation with the center staff during this process, notifying caregivers of any progress or regressions the child experiences in regard to training.

(5) Parents should not be overanxious about having their child complete the toilet training process. Your anxiety carries over to the child, thus causing greater difficulty for him/her.

(6) Finally, parents should be aware that there is no set age at which a child should be trained. As with any other developmental process, the age at which a child is trained varies greatly among children.

by Victoria Boyd  
Center Supervisor  
Babyland III

## BABYLAND III HAPPENINGS

The month of May proved to be a busy and exciting one for the children of Babyland III. Beautiful Mother's Day gifts and cards were made by the children. The proud mothers were appreciative of the sentiment.

The children participated in many indoor and outdoor recreational activities as well as their on-going academic lessons. The children, staff and even parents, were excited to discover our latest addition to our

science area - a pair of parakeets. Staff members elected to name the couple Bonnie and Clyde. So now, along with having to stop with their children to see the fish in the evenings, parents are also finding that they must stop to say goodnight to the "birdies." As part of further expansion of our science area rabbits, turtles and other pets will soon be visible.

Victoria Boyd  
Center Supervisor, Babyland III

## Babyland Enrollment Reaches 280

### Growing By Leaps And Bounds

The combined Babyland centers presently have a total enrollment of 280 children, which is an all-time high.

Babyland III, our newest \$2.5 million dollar facility, will be going from 125 to 155 children effective June 1. This increase in enrollment is attributed to thirty (30) preschool slots allocated by the Division of Youth and Family Service. This Division has also allocated slots to our Summer Enrichment and After School programs.

Our very unique Summer Enrichment Program will begin June 27 for children from 5 to 12 years of age. The uniqueness of this program is its

traveling location. The academic areas of language arts, math, science, arts and crafts will be included in the daily program which includes hiking, swimming, boating, and visiting parks, concerts, and plays. Participants will be picked up from Babylands I, II, III, and St. Rose of Lima School. The After School Program begins in September and, on a smaller scale, is a continuation of the Summer Enrichment Program.

The Division of Youth and Family Service allocates additional slots only to centers who have proven to be reputable in terms of fiscal accountability, service to children, and having affordable space. We can all be proud to see that Babyland continues to "reap what it sows."

### Babyland Administrative Staff Attends Institute

Several members of Babyland's Administrative Staff, attended an institute on Educating the Infant & Toddler in Washington, D.C. on May 12 and 13, 1983. Content of the institute, conducted by Dr. Burton L. White of the Center for Parent Education, Newton, Mass., included the eight stages of educating infants and toddlers, introduction of resources for parents and professionals, and recommended practices for working with families. The sessions were tape recorded by the center supervisors for use during inservice training workshops with staff.

Victoria Boyd  
Center Supervisor  
Babyland III

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The piece of new equipment in Babyland III play yard which gets the most attention when youngsters take their outdoor playtime is the Jungle Bridge. Containing steps on one end and a sturdy slide on the other, children vie with each other to see how many trips down the slide they can make before time is up.

# —Behind the Shelter Door—

The following is the poignant story of a young girl from the Family Violence Center, which shows the heartache and emotional confusion caused by abuse.

It is written in her own words.

I used to come home from school to find my mother all beat up, and sometimes she'd cry. She'd never tell me that daddy did it, she'd say something dumb, like she fell. I knew that daddy did it because sometimes he'd hit me. I thought it was because I was bad, or that he simply didn't love me. I didn't know why because even though he'd beat me I still loved him. I never told him that I loved him because I was scared. My mother and father used to fight all the time. They'd yell bad words and I'd hear daddy hit her, then she'd cry and yell more.

A lot of the time they'd yell about me so I started to think that it was my fault. I thought that I was just trouble, so I ran away.

I went to grandma's; she loved me. She told me that it wasn't my fault and that they loved me very much. I still didn't believe her. She told me that daddy would only beat mommy because of troubles that he'd take out on her. And he only hit me because I remind him of mommy. I didn't really understand. She told me that it's like knowing someone that's really fat and whenever you hear their name you think of someone fat. Whenever daddy saw me he'd think of mommy and he'd get angry.

Grandma took me home and my mother held me and told me that she loved me and she cried. Whenever my parents would fight I'd get so scared, sometimes I'd hide. I wouldn't cry because that got my father angry. He'd hit me if I cried. Sometimes he'd kick me if I didn't stop.

I liked school because it got me away for a while. But the kids there didn't like me. They'd call me bad names, the same kind mommy and daddy used to yell, and they'd push

me and tease me. They'd tell me that no one is going to ever play with me and that I was a freak and a misfit. The teacher used to ask me if I had trouble at home. I'd just shrug my shoulders and sometimes I'd cry. The kids would laugh and call me a baby. I soon began to hate school too. I soon began to hate even waking up in the morning.

Whenever my teacher called home daddy would beat me because he thought I was bad. He'd ask me why I can't fit in anywhere and he'd call me stupid. Mommy would yell at him and then he'd beat her. All because of me.

Mommy said that she'd like to take

**"A lot of the times they'd yell about me so I started to think that it was my fault. I thought that I was just trouble, so I ran away."**

me away from all this, send me to my aunt's. But I screamed and begged to stay. Now I thought that grandma lied. Because if it wasn't my fault then why was I the one being sent away. Mommy used to tell me that she loved my father and I should too because he loves me.

Mommy didn't send me away, instead we both went away, went away from daddy. I still love him, but I don't miss him. I think mommy misses him, because sometimes she still cries. We went to a shelter where all the people were really nice and they really cared. A lot of the time me and mommy weren't together. She got help to convince her to stay away from daddy, and they convinced me that the whole thing wasn't my fault. She explained that my parents had problems and didn't get along together and that me being there didn't make it my fault.

As I got older I realized that children have to suffer a lot for things that they have nothing to do with; and true it's not fair. And all those kids that used to make fun of me

weren't fair either.

The shelter made me realize that they didn't understand how they were making me feel simply because they've never been in my situation, and that they have a lot of growing up to do.

I just want all you children to realize that you're all very, very special, and you should never doubt

**"We went to a shelter where all the people were really nice and they really cared."**

your parents love for you, because they both love you very much. But they don't know how to show you. You're very lucky because you have your whole lives ahead of you and you should learn from parents mistakes and try never to make your own children feel like you. Because every single person is just as good and important as everybody else. And nobody, I mean nobody, has the right to put anyone else down or to make anybody feel bad. So next time you blame anything on yourself, just remember to think the whole thing through because guaranteed it might not be your fault. It's not anyone's fault, just unfair.

Nancy (age 16)

Councilman Payne to Speak At St. Rose Graduation



**Donald M. Payne**

Speaking at the St. Rose of Lima eighth grade graduation on June 5th will be Councilman Donald M. Payne, a community leader who believes in developing the potential of our most valuable resource, our children. This he has demonstrated by his youth-oriented activities throughout his adult life.

Working with the YMCA since 1957 he became the first black president of its National Council in 1970. Through his service with the "Y" he has had the opportunity to help people all over the world, developing educational, housing and local government systems in many Third World nations. His work as a freeholder in 1973 and again in 1976 found him responsible for the administration of the operation budget in Essex County and overseeing the \$400 million budget of the Essex County Welfare Board. Mr. Payne also served on the Essex County College Board of Trustees, Essex County Park Commission, and Essex County Improvement Authority, and was a member of the Board of School Estimate for the Essex County Vocational School Board and Secretary-Treasurer of the Essex County Welfare Board.

Youth drew his attention in his work as President of the Maple Avenue School PTA and as Chairman of the Juvenile Justice and Public Safety Committee of the National Association of Counties, as well as on the Board of the Clinic of Newark, Newark Pre-School Council and the Regional Health Planning Council.

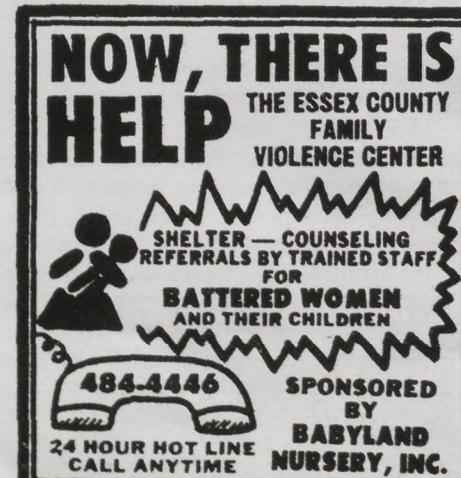
He is presently an active member of the planning committee for the New Community 15th Anniversary Gala Ball planned for October.

His work has been cited by many, including the Boy Scouts of America, the New Jersey Conference of Christians and Jews, and the National Council of Negro Women among others.

A life-long resident of Newark, Mr. Payne is a graduate of Barringer High School and Seton Hall University, continuing his graduate studies at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts. Formerly an executive with The Prudential Insurance Company, he is now Vice-President of Urban Data Systems.



New Community maintenance men Charles Brown and Levern Paige apply a burlap cloth on top of newly seeded area around NC Commons family homes during our spring revitalization program.



## Infant And Childhood Nutrition

The best food for your newborn infant is breast milk and the advantages are many.

The breast fed infant is protected against bowel and other infections, by factors present in breast milk. An emotional bonding also develops between mother and child. Breast fed babies can continue on breast milk alone for a longer period of time than bottle fed infants.

If you cannot breast feed your baby we usually recommend giving a modified (changed to be more like breast milk) formula evaporated milk preparation such as Enfamil, Similac or S.M.A. Vitamins including fluoride are introduced at one month of age and given on a daily basis.



Dr. Harold V. Winters

Dr. Harold V. Winters, a Specialist in Pediatrics, is a member of the attending staff of The United Hospitals. Dr. Winters maintains private office hours at the New Community Health Care Center from Monday through Friday. For an appointment please call 623-4990.

There is no known nutritional basis for starting foods before 3 months of age. By waiting for this time, 1) the baby's nerves and muscles are reading for swallowing solid foods, 2) you prevent allergy by not introducing solid foods too early, and 3) you prevent overfeeding practices and the development of excessive fat.

### Guidelines to Feeding Solid Foods—

1. Attempt to make every mealtime a pleasant social experience.

2. Start foods other than formula when the infant weighs 6-7 kg (15 lbs) and is at least 3 months old.

3. Start with small serving sizes of 1-2 teaspoonfuls and increase gradually to 3-4 tablespoonfuls per feeding.

**"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing."**

—Albert Schweitzer

## Taming The Pains Of Divorce

Children of divorced parents often react to that trauma with a variety of false illnesses. It's important for the children to understand that what they are going through is not unusual. Here are a few tips to help resolve problems that may crop up after divorce:

□ Be reassuring. Make it clear that your child didn't cause the divorce.

□ Acknowledge your child's discomfort and difficulty caused by the divorce.

□ Make it clear that your child's

4. Introduce single ingredient foods one at a time and continue for 5 days before introducing another food, to see how baby tolerates the new food.

5. Introduce single ingredient foods. Commonly rice cereal is given first, then fruits, then vegetables and finally meats. Juices are introduced one at a time (orange or apple), preferably from a cup.

6. For the older infant, establish a diet plan of the "basic four" (a) milk group (b) meat group (c) bread and cereal group (d) fruit and vegetable group.

7. Make the introduction of solid foods an educational experience in basic nutrition.

8. Solid foods should be strained when the infant has no teeth, progressing to mashed and Junior foods when more teeth erupt.

9. When solid foods are well established limit the intake of milk to 3-8 oz. glasses per day. Continue formula until 1 year of age.

10. Avoid developing the infants taste for an excess of salt or sugar; especially in families with a history of high blood pressure.

11. Keep track of the infants height and weight gain on a regular basis.

Home prepared solid foods can be prepared with a blender or food mill but care of the machine is especially important to avoid contamination by bacteria.

Foods to avoid during the first year of life: 1 - egg white, 2 - ice cream, 3 - cucumbers, onions, cabbage and broccoli, and 4 - home prepared beets (baby food beets O.K.).

By the second year the child begins to share the table food of the family. Again let me emphasize the avoidance of highly salted foods, especially in families where there is a history of high blood pressure.

The field of nutrition is a broad one and in other articles we will cover obesity, normal nutrition in the adolescent, iron deficiency, special diets and food allergy.

Carol J. Leadbetter  
Head Teacher  
Babyland II



Deborah Silver, a blood pressure technician for the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, checks blood pressure of Betsy Ceres, a tenant of NC Gardens Senior building.

## TIPS ON HEALTH

*This section will be devoted to questions and answers on health. Please mail your questions to the New Community Clarion, 755 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07106.*



Soledad Alston  
R.N.  
Pediatric  
Nurse  
Practitioner

Question: Many people have requested an explanation of "Hypertension".

Blood pressure as discussed here means the pressure exerted by the blood on the arteries. It is measured in two (2) figures. The first and higher one is called the systolic pressure and it indicates the pressure when the blood is ejected by the lower left chamber of the heart (left ventricle) into the arteries. The second figure is the pressure when the left ventricle is at rest. It is called the diastolic pressure. The normal pressure of adults is 120/80. If it goes above this over a period of time, then the person has high blood pressure or hypertension.

In hypertension, one or both of the following conditions exist: first, the blood volume in circulation is increased because of fluid retention and second, the resistance offered by the walls of the arteries is greater. While this phenomenon is what actually happens in all hypertensives, how it actually takes place can be explained scientifically in only 10% of the cases as due to kidney, nervous, or hormonal disorders. The other whooping 90% is labeled "essential hypertension," meaning that the origin is unknown.

Be that as it may, the devastating effects of hypertension are well-known.

First, because of the high pressure against which the left ventricle must contract in order to pump the blood out, this extra work, when sustained over a period of time, will cause it to enlarge, sometimes up to three times its normal size. This increase in size is not accompanied by a corresponding increase in its blood supply, resulting in angina pectoris, a condition marked by recurrent pain in the chest and left arm.

The most serious effect is that the high pressure in the coronary arteries causes them to become sclerotic (hardened) which could lead to coronary occlusion. This means that arteries are blocked, and the blood supply to the heart is cut off, commonly called heart attack.

The second deadly effect of hypertension is that it can cause some blood vessels to break and bleed. If this hemorrhage takes place in the brain, the condition is known as cerebral vascular accident or stroke. If the hemorrhage takes place in the kidneys, it will damage them, the least result being further elevation of the blood pressure. If the hemorrhage takes place in the interior of the eyes, the result is blindness.

If all this sounds scary, there is a bright side to the picture. The condition is treatable. Management usually consists of the following:

1. Medication which actually lowers the blood pressure or helps fluid elimination. This should be closely monitored by a physician.

2. Low salt diet. Salt causes fluid retention and fluid retention causes increased blood volume. Increased blood volume raises the blood pressure while decreased blood volume lowers blood pressure.

3. Overweight hypertensives should lose weight. While the mechanism by which loss of weight lowers pressure cannot be explained, the correlation has been substantiated well enough.

Now to end on a happier note, if one does all of these, and the blood pressure goes down and stays down, the hypertensive can have a long and normal life.

## Educator And Good Neighbor Dies



Mrs. Susie Fife

Mrs. Susie Fife of New Community Roseville Homes died May 17th at the age of 98. She was one of the founders of the Good Neighbor Club.

Mrs. Fife, the daughter of a former slave was prominent in Newark's Third Ward and was best known for the various community services she performed. Born August 4, 1884, in Rock Castle, Va. she received her formal education there, then went on to St. Frances de Sales College and graduated, to become a certified school teacher. As an educator, Mrs. Fife had said proudly, "I've traveled over 23 states teaching as a private tutor." Through her private tutoring, she helped more than 250 adults in the Third Ward learn to read and write.

Mrs. Fife also came to her neighbors aid in their time of need, lending them money and supplying them with food and clothing when necessary. She also helped to raise several of her neighbors children when their parents were unable to do so.

The above photo was taken in August of 1981 when she celebrated her birthday by inviting all residents of N.C. Roseville to attend her party. She was one of our great ladies and will be missed.

R. Steve Perkins

## At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of the Social Services Dept.

### Final Plans Set for Festival '83

The month of May has been filled with planning activities in preparation for the "biggest and best" NCC Festival yet.

New activities this year will include a Fish-Fry on Friday night preceding "Music Under the Stars" in the courtyard of NC Homes. Also, there will be the first NCC "Bake-Off" or cooking

contest, to be judged on Saturday. Finally, rather than just a Pre-Teen Disco, there will be a "roller skating disco" in the gym of Newton St. School.

For all the details please refer to the schedule of Festival '83 events that is printed in this issue of the Clarion.

For information please call 623-6114.

## Celebrating Our 15th Anniversary

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- ★ 12 Noon ANNUAL N.C.C. PARADE (14th Ave.)
- ★ 1 P.M. BOOTHS OPEN (Bruce St.) : Food-Soft Drinks
- ★ 1 P.M. N.C.C. TRACK MEET (Newton St.)
- ★ 1:15 P.M. JUDGING OF FOOD COOKING CONTEST
- ★ 3:00 P.M. BASKETBALL GAME  
N.C.C. Celtics vs. Garden State Warriors (Newton St. School)
- ★ 4 P.M. PRE-TEEN ROLLER DISCO  
(Newton St. Gym)
- ★ 4 P.M. BASKETBALL GAME  
N.C.C. Tenants vs. Staff (Newton St. School)



Roger Trotman digs hole as Eva Faulk and Tim Brown ready flowering shrub for planting, watched by fellow students at St. Ann's.

## "Adopted Grandparent" Remembered

Recently at New Community Gardens, the "Adopted Grandparents" and children from St. Ann's planted a flowering bush in memory of Mrs. Fannie Scott who passed into eternal life this month. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been part of the "Grandparents" group since the inception of the program.

The children as a group saved their

money and wanted to dedicate the plant to one of their "Adopted Grandparents" because of the deep bond of affection that had grown between them as a result of this program.

A picnic was also held at N.C. Gardens for the children of St. Ann's given by the "Adopted Grandparents" to their "Grandchildren". A grand time was had by young and old.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL NEW COMMUNITY RESIDENTS CAUTION

It has been brought to our attention that the Almor Furniture Store is running an advertisement on AM radio station WNJR in which it offers preferred credit treatment specifically to residents of New Community housing developments, especially the residents of our newly opened senior building at 545 Orange Street, Newark.

New Community Corporation (NCC) has not given the Almor Furniture Store permission to use its name in connection with their advertising. We feel that this wrongly implies that NCC endorses their products and that we are participating in their credit promotion.

NCC objects to their use of our name in these advertisements and has demanded that they stop using our name in connection with their promotions.

This advertisement is in no way connected to or endorsed by New Community.

# Spring Bursts Forth At NC Manor



## NC Commons Seniors News

### 140 Gardeners

The gardeners are on their way to producing a lovely garden again this year. Though the planting was late due to the rainy season, the green is appearing and is delighting all of us. We, the onlookers are watching and enjoying our gardeners with their special skill.

### 140 Sewing Class

From the Sewing Class Director: Would you like to learn basic sewing skills including dress making, alterations, cuffs on mens slacks and quilt making? If so, join the sewing club. There is no charge to belong to the class. Time: every Thursday starting at 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Community Room. Director Ms. Mamie Boddie.

### 140 Club

Monday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m., the 140 Club will begin its third (3rd) year. Officer have been elected and will assume their responsibilities. Information from the new President and officers will appear in our next issue. There will be lots of good news. Ms. Julia James, our former President of the 140 Club has stepped down after serving for two (2) years. Ms. James has been a dedicated, hardworking person determined to do her best in every respect. Meetings were held punctually at 6:00 p.m. in a business like manner. Each member was respected for his or her contribution in idea or service. The club appreciates excellence and devotion and will remember her always for services rendered and her concern for Commons Seniors, especially the sick, shut-ins and disabled, whether or not they were members of the club. Commons Seniors has also benefited from Ms. James services as Floor Captain from the opening of the building until this year. We will recall her work as an RSVP, her work in the Bingo Club and her calls to remind us of programs or informative sessions given by persons invited to assist us. Ms. James is serving on the Senior Advisory Board as a represen-

### Attention Seniors

Babyland III is seeking persons interested in working with young children on a part-time basis. If you are interested please contact Victoria Boyd at Babyland III, 623-8016.

*Announcing...*  
**KING & QUEEN  
OF  
FESTIVAL '83  
COMPOSITION CONTEST**

### Topic:

"Why I'm Proud To Be A Part Of Newark's New Community"

**GOOD LUCK!**

We are searching for our next King & Queen of New Community, ages 9 thru 12 years. Please prepare your one page composition and return it to NCC Social Service Dept, 220 Bruce St. c/o Georgia Ransome. Compositions will be judged on content, grammar and punctuation. The deadline for entry is June 3, 1983.

tative person from Commons Seniors. A job well done, Ms. James. We thank you.

### Open Activities

Bingo is held every Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Exercise classes are held every Tues. at 1:00 p.m.

### Arts & Crafts

As usual, the Arts and Crafts class is active and productive under the supervision of Ms. Julia James and her assistants, Ms. Irene Carr and Ms. Zepher Johnson. You don't have to stay in your apartments join your neighbors in laughter, fun and challenge to create a lovely item you are proud of. There is no charge to belong.

Ruby Dawson

After a slight delay due to nature's copious spring showers, New Community was finally able to transform the Manor Families courtyard and surroundings into a lovely park setting as planned.

An abundance of graceful shade trees now soften the courtyard, with fresh green leaves just emerging under the sun's warm encouragement. A dash of color from beautiful azaleas, soon to be followed by vivid rhododendron, catches the eyes of residents passing by or enjoying the warm spring sunshine on park benches placed to enjoy the view.

Areas adjacent to the street are sodded while stately new shade trees poke their heads up proudly through the new lawn as if aware of the permanent home they now enjoy and the important task they will now perform in their horticultural lives.

Work is progressing nicely, weather permitting, with Forcellati Brothers, Inc. of River Vale, New Jersey skillfully planting and landscaping their way through NC Manor Housing. It is a setting transformed, as they finish.



## Handicap Awareness Leads To Bingo In Braille

### Confusion Sometimes Exists

This is a true story, strange as it sounds.

A good friend of mine loves to prowl around card shops. One day while browsing among the beautiful cards, my friend got the impulse to buy a card for someone else to send. So she searched carefully for a card for me. (I'd thought that would be a good way to say thank you for your help," she told me later).

Finally, one card seemed just perfect. My friend was very well aware that I work with deaf people. ("Good," she thought, "This is just the card to send to one of her deaf friends.")



This Braille bingo card has just been introduced to New Community for those who are blind or near blind. It contains large size numbers which are raised and is also marked in Braille.

When she gave the card to me later I was completely puzzled, for the card was completely in Braille which is a special writing for blind people that most other people can't read. Was this a joke, I wondered? Finally I went to my friend and asked her why she gave me that particular card. "To send to one of your deaf friends," she replied, "Why do you ask?" she questioned. I told her, "because my friends are deaf, not blind." They couldn't read a Braille card either.

Strange as it may seem, many people get the two handicaps of blindness and deafness all mixed up. We really do not think seriously about someone else's problem and how it affects their life.

But someone has. Since Bingo is a very popular social pastime for the elderly and many seniors have failing eyesight, a Braille bingo card has been designed. It features raised numbers in recessed squares for the markers next to which are the numbers in Braille. As a result many seniors with visual handicaps are now able to again enjoy a favorite social event.

If you know of anyone who is interested in playing Bingo and who would like a card in Braille, please have them call Social Services - 623-6114.

### Alert Security Officer Apprehends Wanted Criminal

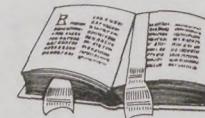
Security Officer George Evans must be very proud these days, for thanks to his sharp eyes a wanted criminal is now behind bars.

On Monday, May 16th, Security Officer Evans informed the base station that a suspect was in the basement of Roseville Homes. At that time Security Officers Frank Noble and Cecil Jeter went to the location and observed the suspect.

Immediately Unit 2 with Sgt. John Jackson of NC Security arrived and transported the suspect back to headquarters where a full investigation was conducted. Commander Rubin Battle and Sgt. Jackson then transported the suspect over to the North Police District. They learned an hour later that a record check run by the police found him to have three warrants out against him for armed robbery.

He is now in custody.

Good work New Community Security!



### DON'T TURN BACK

Some people think of God as some sort of shelter to protect them against the stormy problems of adversity. When the problems dissolve and circumstances appear favorable, they go right back to doing the mundane things they were doing before.

A man sick from imbibing excessive quantities of alcohol swore that should he get well he would not indulge in alcoholic liquor ever. A few days later, after feeling better, he turned back to alcohol abuse. How many times have the arrested state that when they become free of the state in which they presently find themselves, they will never commit another dishonest act? After being released, the unabated recidivist turns back to his criminal activities completely forgetting his important promise. Jails and prisons are filled with inmates who at one time had good intentions but turned back to bad practices. Ghettos and barrios abound with beautiful youth who vowed to follow their parent's teachings about chastity. Turning away from their parental admonition, they turned back to the thrills and folly of infatuation and permissive sex. The heights to which they might have ascended became untenable—the careers they once dreamed of became lost. When people forget that which is right and turn back to that which is wrong, they inevitably meet with disaster.

Lot's wife, in defiance of God's command, turned back to look at the fiery destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and was changed immediately into a pillar of salt. Sin creeps into a person's life gradually: first there is the thought; and then there is the deed, the manifestation of the thought. So gradual does sin invade that the person is unaware of this influence until it destroys. Put a frog in boiling water and quickly he will jump out. But put him in a pot of cold water and turn on the heat, and he will be boiled alive, quite unaware of the gradually increasing temperature. Few people, who revel in the fantasy world of pleasure, realize what sin does to them or how it reaches its tentacles into the home and family, strangling loving relationships, destroying values of love.

Perhaps earlier in your life you erred but now you are on the right road. Remember "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" .2 Corinthians 5:11.

In Galatians 4:9 we find this interrogation (paraphrased): "after you've known what is right why do you turn back to that which is wrong?" Ezekiel, the prophet, repeatedly warned his people of their evil conduct, which he said was certain to bring ruin. We might heed his admonition and not look back on bygone sensual gratifications, but follow the advice and determination found in Ezekiel 24:14 which paraphrased states: ... "I WILL NOT TURN BACK."

Lewis Graves  
Springfield Branch  
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Despite wet spring weather which held up planting of the Douglas Garden Club annual gardens, members Dorothy Curry, Sarah Mayse and Golden Johnson are out planning for their summer vegetables. Although some flowers can be seen around the edges, it is the annual yield of mouth watering tomatoes, beans, cabbage and other vegetables that they all look forward to.

Loads of success, and to use a pun, we will be rooting for you.

Alma Hanks